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## News Release

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### George Washington Birthplace Experiences Additional Storm Damage



**George Washington Birthplace has incurred additional damage from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee. A section of Bridges Creek Road has washed away and the historic Ice Pond dam burst during the storm causing the pond to drain. Utility lines were exposed and undermined by these breaches. Severe beach erosion occurred at the Potomac River and the waterfront is littered with tree debris. The Visitor Center and Historic Area reopened Monday, September 12. However, Bridges Creek Road, the Burial Ground, Picnic Area, and the Potomac River Beach remain closed. The public is requested not to access any closed areas of the park while crews work to repair the road, utility lines and remove downed trees. The park's telephone information line is operating and information will be updated there and on the park website at [www.nps.gov/gewa](http://www.nps.gov/gewa) and on the George Washington Birthplace Facebook and Twitter sites.**

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